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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: GRATING-OUTCOUPLED CAVITY RESONATOR HAVING UNIDIRECTIONAL EMISSION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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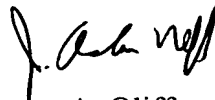P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the December 13, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the 1st embodiment as defined by the Office Action (i.e., Figures 2, 3, 6, 11, and 12, and claims 1-3, 7-8, 18-20, 25-26, 28-30) <u>with traverse</u>.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the elected species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of the elected species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner <u>must</u> examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in

order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by

the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petition for Extension of Time

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